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Nancy,

It was good to see you yesterday. I hope that the administration can make swift progress on the guidance and rulemaking and was encouraged by Bob's statement about "weeks and not months (plural)."

I don't know if you are following the situation in Dimock, PA, where natural gas drilling has (allegedly) rendered the local water supply unusable. For some time the PA DEP forced the drilling company to deliver water but recently stopped that requirement. Sierra Club and others have paid for water deliveries there. Recently, some EPA people encouraged residents to believe that EPA was going to take over water supply but then did not follow through, which has generated ill will among some residents. Residents as well as our staff there have not been able to find out the status -- EPA is not talking to them. Is there anything that you could tell me? We want to discourage animosity toward EPA if we can. Some articles describing this are below.

Thanks for any help.

Ed

Dimock Residents: EPA to Deliver Water <http://thetimes-tribune.com/news/dimock-residents-epa-to-deliver-water-1.1254586#axzz1jA6TQEGf>

No Water Deliveries from EPA, Families Say <http://thetimes-tribune.com/news/gas-drilling/no-water-deliveries-from-epa-families-say-1.1254673#axzz1jA6TQEGf>

DEP Head Calls EPA Knowledge of Dimock "Rudimentary" <http://thetimes-tribune.com/news/dep-head-calls-epa-knowledge-of-dimock-rudimentary-1.1255658#axzz1jA6TQEGf>

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